

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested for claims 1, 3-5, and 7-32. Claims 2, 6, and 33-38 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the Official Action, it was indicated that claims 6 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The subject matter of claim 6 has been incorporated into independent claim 1, as well as into independent claims 20 and 27. It is respectfully submitted that, as a result of the foregoing amendments, the rejections on prior art grounds are overcome and the entire application is placed in condition for allowance. Allowance is cordially urged.

To the extent that the applicant does not respond to a particular comment in the Official Action, the applicant does not intend by this to indicate acquiescence in or agreement with the comment. To the extent that any extensions of time are necessary in connection with this application it is requested that there be a standing petition for extension of time and that any additional fees that are required, or refunds due, in connection with this or any other paper filed in connection with this application be charged to Deposit Account 503015.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned.

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